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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hart, et al.)	Art Unit: 3731
Serial No 10/052,329)	Examiner: Davis, Daniel J.
Filed: January 18, 2002)	Docket No.: AUS-1828-AL
Title: <u>IMPROVED SURGICAL CLIP</u>)	

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed November 6, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Previously amended) A surgical clip having a sliding state and a crimped state, and being adapted for use in a surgical procedure initially to slide along suture ends to an operative position and ultimately to crimp the suture ends at the operative position, comprising: